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SUBJECT: SHIPPING DISCRIMINATION: FLAG PREFERENCE AND CCC-FINANCED SHIPMENTS

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1. AGATTA AND COMATT CALLED FEBRUARY 8 ON MRS. ALCIA REYES, EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES (DBP), TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER PHILIPPINE SHIPPING PREFERENCES AS EXPRESSED IN PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 895 AND THE CENTRAL BANK CIRCULAR WHICH REQUIRE THE SHIPMENT OF EVEN CCC-FINANCED CARGOES ON PHILIPPINE FLAG VESSELS. WE POINTED OUT THAT COMPLAINTS BY U.S. SHIPPING COMPANIES AND SHIPPERS WERE BEGINNING TO FOCUS NOT ONLY ON THE DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES BUT ALSO ON THE FACT THAT SOME CARGOES WERE CCC-FINANCED.

2. MRS. REYES UNDERSTOOD THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE COMPLAINTS, AS CCC CREDITS PROVIDED A USEFUL AND PROFITABLE RELENDING OPERATION FOR THE DBP. SHE RECALLED THAT LAST YEAR, AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE AGATT, SHE HAD EXPLORED THE EXEMPTION OF CCC-FINANCED CARGOES FROM THE CENTRAL BANK CIRCULAR. SHE HAD OBTAINED SUCH AN EXEMPTION FROM DIRECTOR LOMOTAN WHICH

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WAS SHORT-LIVED AS IT WAS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY CANCELLED BY A LETTER FROM CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR LICAROS. MRS. REYES SHED SHE WOULD TRY AGAIN BUT WOULD NEED A SUPPORTING LETTER FROM US.

3. WE BELIEVE MRS. REYES' SUGGESTED APPROACH IS WORTH TRYING, AND WE HAVE DRAFTED THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO BE SIGNED BY THE

AGATT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS AND CONCURRENCE BEFORE PROCEEDING, HOWEVER.

4. QUOTE. I REFER TO OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS ON PHILIPPINE SHIPPING PREFERENCES AS EXPRESSED IN PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 895 AND THE CENTRAL BANK CIRCULAR WHICH REQUIRE THE SHIPMENT OF EVEN CCC-FINANCED CARGOES ON PHILIPPINE FLAG VESSELS.

PARA WE HAVE RECEIVED COMPLAINTS FROM AMERICAN SHIPPING COMPANIES AND SHIPPERS REGARDING THE DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES, AND THESE COMPLAINTS ARE NOW BEGINNING TO FOCUS ON THE FACT THAT CARGOES SUCH AS COTTON, TOBACCO AND WHEAT ARE CCC-FINANCED. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS CONSIDERED CCC-FINANCED CARGOES AS COMMERCIAL CARGOES WHICH ARE NOT SUBJECT TO ANY PREFERENCES AND WHICH CAN BE SHIPPED ON ANY FREE WORLD VESSEL. FURTHERMORE, THE REQUIREMENT FOR PHILIPPINE FLAG VESSELS HAS CAUSED DELAYS IN SHIPPING AND ADDITIONAL COSTS TO PHILIPPINE IMPORTERS. PARA. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES WOULD OBTAIN FROM THE CENTRAL BANK A RECOGNITION THAT CCC-FINANCED CARGOES ARE COMMERCIAL CARGOES SUBJECT TO COMPETITIVE SHIPPING. THIS REQUEST IS MADE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO OUR OVERALL POSITION THAT THE PHILIPPINE FLAG PREFERENCES IN P.D. 895 ARE DISCRIMINATORY. END QUOTE.

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